

ASPEN FALLS PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

500 S Aspen Street
Aspen Falls, CA 93463

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Mr. Fred Ashkenazy
2279 Shoreline Dr.
Aspen Heights, CA 93449

Dear Mr. Ashkenazy:

Subject: Donation to Aspen Falls Lake Conservation Area

Thank you for your interest in making a donation to the Aspen Falls Lake Conservation Area. You asked about projects for which we need additional resources, so I have attached a list of possible projects.

All donations made to the Friends of the Aspen Falls Conservation Areas (FAFCA) are tax deductible.

Sincerely,

Leah Kim
Parks and Recreation Director

Donation Opportunities

Here are a few of the donation opportunities available to you. There are others, and we can discuss those if you like.

Land Acquisitions Trust Fund

The Land Acquisitions Trust Fund expands existing conservation areas and purchases land for new areas. The Trust consults with the city Property Acquisition Supervisor to purchase suitable properties when they become available.

Invasive Species Abatement

We are working hard to restore the native vegetation of the area. We need funds to coordinate, train, and supply the volunteers to remove invasive species and seed the area with native plants. We also need help educating the Aspen Falls area public about invasive species and how to avoid spreading them.

Interpretive Nature Trail

The Conservation Area provides unique flora and fauna. We wish to develop a self-guided nature trail to educate visitors and to minimize our human impact to the area. The trail lacks the funding we need to oversee its construction.

Education Center

We envision a small building where visitors can read about the conservation area, collect brochures, and utilize a restroom. The building would support our volunteer interpretive guides and include a classroom/lab for area schools. Funding would support the planning, permitting, and construction of this valuable resource.

Wildlife Viewing Blinds

Donations will build blinds to view wildlife in the conservation area. These blinds enable visitors to view wildlife in their natural habitat while minimizing the impact on the native populations to the conservation area. We acknowledge sponsors by including a plaque in each blind.

Parking Lot

Our current parking lot is undeveloped and at times too small for the number of visitors during peak times. A larger, paved parking lot would provide wheelchair access to certain conservation areas. Making nature accessible to all is a high priority of the Aspen Falls Parks and Recreation Department.